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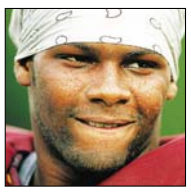

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Magic Johnson Teams With Clintons in Iowa

STEVE POPE/AP

POLITICAL PLAY: Ex-president Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton campaign with Magic Johnson in Des Moines Tuesday, two weeks before the Iowa caucuses. Johnson touted Hillary Clinton's experience. ✤ **Post poll:** Clinton, Obama deadlocked in Iowa | **Page 4**

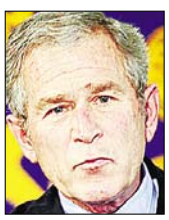
U.S. to Cut Nuclear Stockpile

Nuke level to drop to less than a quarter of size in Cold War

WASHINGTON | President Bush has approved "a significant reduction" in the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, cutting it to less than one-quarter the size it was at the end of the Cold War, the White House said Tuesday.

At the same time, the Energy Department announced plans to consolidate the nuclear weapons complex that maintains warheads and dismantle those no longer needed, saying the current facilities need to be made more efficient and more easily secured, and that the larger complex is no longer needed.

"We are reducing our nuclear weapons stockpile to the lowest level consistent with America's national security and our commitments to friends and allies," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "A credible deterrent remains an essential part of U.S. national security, and nuclear forces remain key to meeting emerging security challenges."



Bush

The government will not provide any numbers on the overall size of the nuclear stockpile, but there are believed to be nearly 6,000 warheads that either are deployed or in reserve.

Separately, under terms of a 2002 arms control treaty with Russia, the U.S. is committed to reducing the number of deployed warheads to between 1,700 and 2,200 by 2012. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

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FAILURES

Strange Humming Not Quite Loud Enough to Reprogram Humanity for Peace

It's sure to be a quiet morning in The Villages, Fla., after residents failed to break a world kazoo record. Organizers had hoped to break the world record for the most people playing the kazoo. A crowd of 2,318 showed up Sunday to play the novelty instrument, but at least 361 more people were needed to break the record set last year in Rochester, N.Y. The kazooists who did show up said they were happy for a reason to party. The event also raised about $15,000 for a golf training facility at the Villages Charter Middle School. There is one record set in The Villages that still stands: the 3,321 people who participated in a golf cart parade last year. (AP)

SCIENCE

RenFest Funnel Cake Found Inauthentic

The average diet of medieval peasants — two loaves of bread, 8 ounces of fish or meat, numerous veggies and weak ale — was better for cardiac health than today's diets, says a Shropshire, England, doctor, the BBC reported. Peasants also ate very little refined sugar, and burned huge amounts of calories doing manual labor. (Of course, disease killed so many that someone past 40 was considered old.) Dr. Roger Henderson suggests medieval meals are even healthier than the famed "Mediterranean diet" of the Romans. (AP)

EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

TRAGIC

'Help Meeeeeeee!'

There is something unbearably sad about this photo, in which a Haibao — the mascot of Shanghai's World Expo 2010 — struggles to get back on its feet after falling on Tuesday. It makes us think of over-bundled Randy in "A Christmas Story," writhing futilely in the snow. (EXPRESS)

POLLYANNA

Cruel Deed Chalked Up to Holiday Spirit

A grinch who stole Christmas may have had a change of heart, unexpectedly returning presents stolen from a New Zealand family. But there was not really a happy ending to the saga, police said, as most of the stolen goods — which had been bought as Christmas gifts — likely had to be thrown out because they had been badly damaged. Stereo and DVD equipment, antiques and kitchen appliances were taken during a burglary Saturday night at a property in Cromwell. Most of the $15,100 worth of goods were returned several hours later, wrapped in a sheet and left outside the house. (AP)

Healthy Adult Volunteers Needed

The National Institute of Mental Health is conducting a psychopharmacology study of mild stress and memory. Participants will be interviewed and will complete a series of tasks during which physiological functioning will be recorded. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18-50.

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NAUGHTY LIST: A 33-year-old woman in Danbury, Conn., is being charged with sexually assaulting Saint Nick. A mall Santa Claus in Danbury claims the woman sat on his lap and then groped him in front of the children waiting in line.

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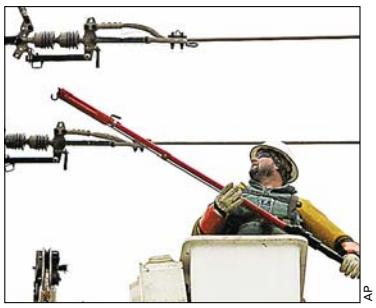

AP

William Strawn knocks ice from power lines in Oklahoma City last week.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Thousands Still Without Power Because of Ice Storm

More than 88,000 homes and businesses in Oklahoma remained without power on Tuesday, more than a week after an ice storm plunged them into darkness. Utility crews estimated that crews would have power restored by late Wednesday or Thursday. Meanwhile, overnight temperatures in the state in the past week have dipped into the teens. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Judge Orders Hearing On Destroyed CIA Tapes

The Bush administration must answer questions about the destruction of CIA interrogation videos of two al-Qaeda suspects, a federal judge said Tuesday, rejecting the government's efforts to keep the courts out of the investigation. U.S. District Judge Henry H. Kennedy ordered Justice Department lawyers to appear before him Friday at 11 a.m. (AP)

Fed Moves to Restrict Risky Loans

Bernanke says unfair mortgage practices will not be tolerated

WASHINGTON | The Federal Reserve moved Tuesday to protect home buyers from dubious lending practices, its most sweeping response to a mortgage meltdown that has forced record numbers of people from their homes.

The proposed rules, endorsed by the Federal Reserve Board in a 5-0 vote, would crack down on a range of shady lending practices that has burned many of the nation's riskiest "subprime" borrowers — those with spotty credit or low incomes — who have been hardest hit by the housing and credit debacles. The rules also would curtail misleading ads for many types of mortgages and bolster financial disclosures to borrowers.

"Unfair and deceptive acts and practices hurt not just borrowers and their families, but entire communities, and indeed, the economy as a whole. They have no place in our mortgage system," Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said. "We want consumers to make decisions about home mortgage options confidently, with assurance that unscrupulous home mortgage practices will not be tolerated," he said.

If ultimately adopted, the plan would apply to new loans made by thousands of lenders of all types. It would not cover loans already made. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

BUYER PROTECTIONS

- The proposal would restrict lenders from penalizing risky borrowers who pay loans off early and bar lenders from making loans without proof of income.
- It also would prohibit lenders from engaging in a pattern or practice of lending without considering a borrower's ability to repay a home loan from sources other than the home's value.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS | VERTICAL UNVEILING

DONNA MCWILLIAM/AP

CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF: The Lockheed Martin F-35B stealth fighter is shown during an unveiling ceremony on Tuesday. Dozens of Marine officers and foreign military officials attended the ceremony inside Lockheed's giant aircraft assembly plant to mark the rollout of the F-35B, which is the vertical takeoff version of Lockheed's next military aircraft.

Congress Sends Fuel Standards Bill to President

WASHINGTON | Congress by a wide margin approved the first increase in automobile fuel economy in 32 years Tuesday, and President Bush plans to quickly sign the legislation, accepting the mandates on the auto industry.

The energy bill, boosting mileage by 40 percent to 35 miles per gallon, passed the House 314-100 and heads to the White House, following the Senate's approval last week.

In a dramatic shift to spur increased demand for non-fossil fuels, the bill also requires a six-fold increase in ethanol use to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022. And it requires new energy efficiency standards for an array of appliances, lighting and buildings. (AP)

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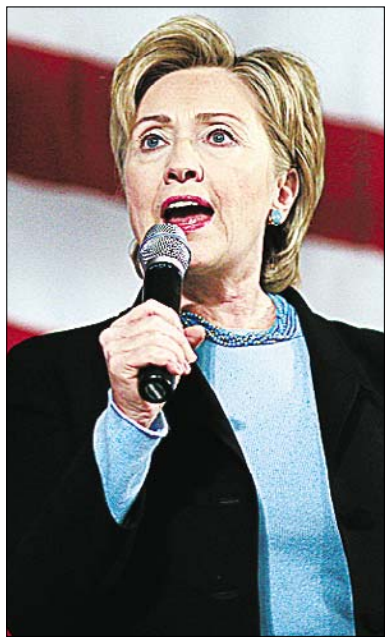
FRESH IDEA: In an attempt to fight obesity, New York officials will flood the city's poorer neighborhoods with as many as 1,500 new fruit and vegetable carts.



FILE PHOTOS

John Edwards, Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama are in a tense battle to win the Iowa caucuses at the start of 2008.

Dems Deadlocked in Iowa

Race is still too close to call as candidates gear up for final push

CAUCUS | Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton remain deadlocked in Iowa, with former North Carolina senator John Edwards trailing, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll that foreshadows the importance of the massive efforts the Democratic candidates have set in motion to turn out their supporters on Jan. 3.

The three front-runners are pouring resources into Iowa, viewing it as a potentially decisive contest in the battle for the Democratic nomination. Obama had enjoyed some momentum over the past month, but the new poll underscores how competitive the race remains and just how crucial the final weeks of campaigning will be to the outcome.

Iowa's caucuses put a premium on organization and all the campaigns now are engaged in unprecedented efforts to identify supporters and get them to one of the 1,781 precinct caucuses on Jan. 3.

Here, the poll offers good news for each of the leading candidates. More than seven in 10 of Obama's supporters said they are absolutely certain to participate in the caucuses, compared with two-thirds of Edwards' and 59 percent of Clinton's.

But Clinton supporters are the most firmly behind her: 70 percent said they will definitely back her in two weeks, while Edwards' and Obama's supporters were more apt than Clinton's to say there is a good chance that they might change their minds. DAN BALZ AND JON COHEN (WASHINGTON POST)

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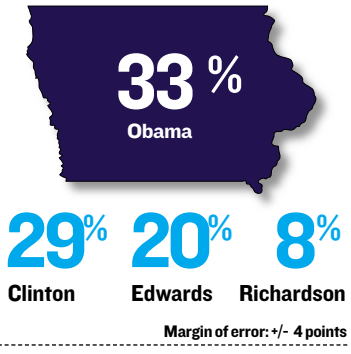
→ Washington Post- ABC poll of 652 Iowa adults



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Complete coverage: The Post-ABC Iowa poll takes a close look at the race in Iowa | **Today's Post, Page A1**

HEARSAY | RACE

"In my family history, that's how the [Klu Klux] Klan comes. They pull up. They blind you with their lights."

—**JOHN WHITE**, WHO IS ON TRIAL IN N.Y. FOR FATALLY SHOOTING A TEENAGER WHO SHOWED UP AT HIS DOORSTEP AND ALLEGEDLY HURLED RACIAL EPITHETS AT HIS SON.

Congress Plans Steroid Hearings

WASHINGTON | Congress announced plans Tuesday to review the use of performance-enhancing drugs, with star-studded hearings scheduled next month and legislation to limit access to steroids and human growth hormone.

Two House panels are planning mid-January hearings featuring former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, author of a report last week that linked more than 80 Major League Baseball players to the illegal use of performance-enhancing drugs. Some of the players named in the report could be invited to testify, too. (AP)

Mitchell

"My elemental duty is not to cling to positions, or ... to obstruct the path of younger people, but to share experiences and ideas..."

—**Fidel Castro**, 81, the ailing Cuban president, in a letter read on state television Monday.

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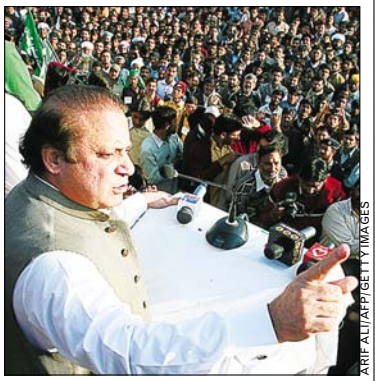


ARIF ALI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Ex-Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif addresses supporters Tuesday.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Commission Rejects Sharif's Bid to Run in Jan. Elections

Pakistan's Election Commission said Tuesday that opposition leader Nawaz Sharif cannot run in parliamentary elections next month, eliminating the former prime minister's chances of returning to office. The decision leaves Sharif with no further avenue for appeal and denies him a platform in parliament to continue his campaign against his archrival, President Pervez Musharraf. Sharif's party blasted the decision as an attempt to sideline one of the leading threats to Musharraf before the Jan. 8 elections. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Council Extends U.S.-Led Force in Iraq for 1 Year

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Tuesday to extend the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq for one year, a move that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said would be his nation's "final request" for help. Authorization for the 160,000-strong multinational force was extended until the end of 2008 because "the threat in Iraq continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security," according to the resolution. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

General Assembly Seeks Death Penalty Moratorium

The U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday called for a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolish executions. The vote in the 192-member world body was 104-54 with 29 abstentions. The resolution is not legally binding. (AP)

Zuma Wins ANC Election

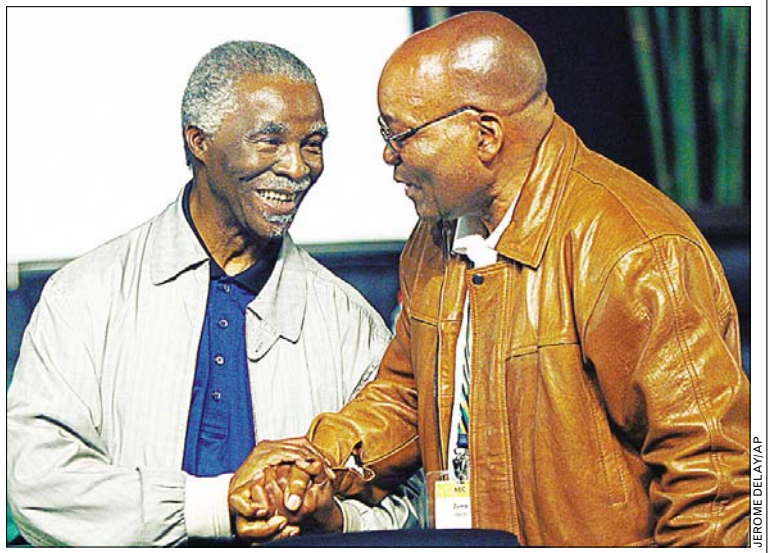
Ex-guerrilla leader to head governing South African party

POLOKWANE, SOUTH AFRICA | Jacob Zuma triumphed at the African National Congress on Tuesday, parlaying his charisma and widespread popularity to win the governing party's top job and put him in line to become the country's next president.

His overwhelming victory — 2,329 votes to President Thabo Mbeki's 1,505 — came despite rape and corruption scandals that had threatened his political career.

Chaos and jubilation erupted as party officials announced the election of Zuma — a former guerrilla leader who turned an anti-apartheid song, "Bring me my machine gun," into his anthem.

Then he and Mbeki, both 65-year-old veterans of the ANC in exile, mounted the stage and embraced. But the contest was the most bitterly divisive in the history of the party, and Mbeki's loss raised questions about whether he would remain the country's president for the rest of his term.



JEROME DELAY/AP

South African President Thabo Mbeki, left, congratulates newly elected African National Congress President Jacob Zuma in Polokwane, South Africa, Tuesday.

Zuma was acquitted of rape last year but could still face bribery charges in a multimillion-dollar arms deal. His supporters say he is innocent and that the scandals were part of a smear campaign.

Zuma had rallied ANC members who wanted a change from Mbeki, who guided post-apartheid South Africa to sustained economic growth over the past few years, but has been accused of moving too slowly to lift millions out of poverty and being too aloof from the grass roots. CELEAN JACOBSON (AP)

Turks Send Troops Into North Iraq

BAGHDAD | Turkey sent hundreds of troops across the border into the frigid mountains of northern Iraq on Tuesday, claiming it inflicted heavy losses on Turkish Kurd rebels in the small-scale incursion and from air strikes two days earlier.

The offensive puts more pressure on Washington to mediate between Iraq and Turkey, two key allies in an unstable region. In a sign of increasing tension, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reported that more than 1,800 people fled their homes in parts of Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdistan last weekend.

International oil prices fell sharply late Tuesday after reports from Kurdish officials that the Turkish ground troops had withdrawn, easing fears that the conflict would disrupt oil supplies from the region. The Turkish military, however, did not confirm a pullout. (AP)

Holloway Case Closes in Aruba

ORANJESTAD, ARUBA | Prosecutors closed their investigation into the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway, saying Tuesday they still believe three young men were involved in her death but can't prove it after a 932-day search failed to turn up a body.

The three main suspects in the case were re-arrested last month after prosecutors in Aruba discovered online chat sessions they hoped would break the case open. But none of the men talked in custody, and without the 18-year-old's body, prosecutors said, they had no recourse but to close the case. If the three suspects were put on trial, the lack of evidence "would lead to an acquittal," the Public Prosecutor's Office said in a statement.

Holloway disappeared on May 30, 2005, on a trip with members of her Mountain Brook, Ala., high school graduating class. (AP)

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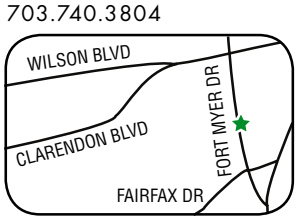

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Israel to Continue Airstrikes in Gaza

Olmert pledges more pressure on groups that launch rockets

AP

Palestinians wheel a victim of the Israeli airstrikes into a Gaza hospital.

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israel will keep striking the leaders of groups that launch rockets from the Gaza Strip, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pledged Tuesday after an aerial assault killed 12 militants, including the commander of the extremist group Islamic Jihad.

Islamic Jihad threatened "a wave of martyrdom operations" — suicide bombings in Israel — in response to what it called "a big loss."

The Israeli attack began when aircraft blasted two cars in Gaza City after nightfall Monday, killing six men, including Majed Harazin, Islamic Jihad's charismatic military commander for Gaza and the West Bank. Rocket-maker Karim al-Dahdouh also was killed in the attack.

Four more men were targeted as they emerged from morning prayers Tuesday at a mosque. Two members of the larger Hamas militant group were killed in a separate strike.

Meeting members of his Kadima party in Jerusalem late Tuesday, Olmert pledged to keep up the pressure. "We will get all those who are responsible for firing rockets," he said. "The terror organizations feel this and will feel this in full force in the near future."

Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Israel would not let up in its offensive in Gaza, although the militants' threats of revenge must be taken seriously.

Thousands of Gazans took to the streets in funeral processions for the militants. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

KIEV, UKRAINE | TYMOSHENKO ELECTED

SERGEI SUPINSKY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

VERY CLOSE VOTE: Yulia Tymoshenko, 47, waves to cameras after voting in parliamentary elections on Tuesday. The pro-Western leader was confirmed as Ukraine's prime minister by 226 votes, the bare minimum needed.

360 **The approximate amount, in thousands of dollars,** the Maryland General Assembly's special session last month cost taxpayers, said Karl Aro, the executive director of the Department of Legislative Services.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Rhee Given Authority to Fire District School Employees

Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee has received the approval to fire nonunion central office employees. The D.C. Council voted 10 to 3 Tuesday to give Rhee the authority. The Washington Teacher's Union and other labor groups opposed the bill even though it deals with nonunion workers. Council member Phil Mendelson says he fears the city is "throwing out" civil service rules that have shielded government workers from arbitrary terminations. But other council members say it's time to stop protecting a small group of employees to the detriment of the schools. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

U.S. Immigration Official Convicted of Harboring Alien

A top investigator in the internal affairs office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service has been convicted of harboring an illegal alien who was also his girlfriend. Lloyd W. Miner, 49, of Centreville was convicted by a jury at the federal courthouse in Alexandria. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. His girlfriend, originally from Mongolia, was also convicted of conspiracy to commit identification fraud. Miner was the assistant chief of internal affairs investigations for Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security. (AP)

Fenty Rewards 3 D.C. School Staffs

Principals, teachers, support staff awarded for higher test scores

District officials delivered some holiday cheer this morning to the principals, teachers and staffers at three D.C. public schools where student reading and math scores increased by more than 20 percent last school year.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee doled out monetary gifts from a federal program to the first winners of the Together Everyone Achieves More, or the TEAM, awards. The schools recognized were Barnard, Noyes and Tyler elementary schools.

Principals of the three schools received $10,000 and the teachers $8,000 each. Librarians and counselors were given $4,000. But the educators weren't the only ones to be recognized. The schools' support staffs and custodians each received $2,000.

Fenty

Rhee

The awards program is a partnership between the schools system, the Washington Teachers' Union and the nonprofit New Leaders for New Schools, which helps to raise private funds.

The recognition is important because some teachers have not been rewarded in decades, if ever, the mayor said.

"They don't do it for the money; they do it for the love of children," Fenty said.

YOLANDA WOODLEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | FREEMAN VISITS D.C. FOOD BANK

JACQUELYN MARTIN/TWP

DOING THEIR PART: Capital Area Food Bank volunteers Mary Lou Hartmann, left, Danita Waker, right, work to fill bags of food with actor Morgan Freeman on Tuesday during a media event to raise awareness about hunger and the shortages in food banks across the United States.

Congress Rejects Gandhi Pay Raise

Congress has eliminated a proposed $92,000 pay raise for D.C. Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi in the wake of the massive embezzlement scandal at the city's tax office.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and the D.C. Council agreed to raised Gandhi's salary from $186,600 to $279,000 last spring after he was offered a high-paying job with Amtrak. Gandhi, who has been finance chief since 2000, then agreed to stay with the District.

But Congress, which has oversight of city affairs, removed the provision yesterday.

DAVID NAKAMURA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 18

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Mid-day DC 4	**4-7-1-5**
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	**2-2-0-2**
Rolling Cash Five (Mon.)	**8-19-20-22-34**
Daily 6 (Mon.)	**2-5-8-10-21-29 Bonus: 19**

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	**3-5-5**
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	**0-5-6**
Mid-day Pick 4	**0-9-8-2**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	**8-2-4-5**
Match 5 (Mon.)	**1-5-7-15-37 Bonus: 20**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	**4-6-4**
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	**4-4-4**
Mid-day Pick 4	**4-7-1-5**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	**6-2-3-2**
Mid-day Cash 5	**6-11-16-25-34**
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	**2-18-28-29-34**

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Money

286 | **The amount, in millions of dollars,** of a contract awarded to iRobot Corp. to supply the U.S. Army with up to 3,000 bomb-disarming robots. IRobot also makes consumer robots such as Roomba vacuum cleaners.

Media Ownership Rule Is Loosened

Some major market broadcasters can now also own a newspaper

WASHINGTON | The Federal Communications Commission voted Tuesday to overturn a 32-year-old restriction on media ownership, allowing radio and TV broadcasters in the nation's 20 largest media markets to also own a newspaper in the same city.

The rule change does not apply to the top four rated TV stations in a market, which are still prevented from owning a newspaper.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin was joined by his two Republican colleagues in favor of the proposal, while the commission's two Democrats voted against it.

Martin pushed the vote through despite pressure from Capitol Hill to delay it. The chairman, however, has the support of the White House, which has pledged to rebuff any congressional action that seeks to undo the vote.

Martin

Martin said his proposal represented "a relatively minor loosening" of the cross-ownership rule. He said his proposal "strikes a balance" between the realities of the changing media marketplace and the preservation of diversity and competition. JOHN DUNBAR (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RetailVent	5.34	+.90	+20.3
Nautilus	6.57	+.97	+17.3
QkslvRes	57.66	+8.24	+16.7
CrwfdA	3.80	+.50	+15.2
DeerfldTri	8.09	+1.03	+14.6

Losers

DynCorp	23.95	-2.38	-9.0
NovaStr rs	2.92	-.20	-6.4
Amrep	29.87	-1.96	-6.2
ShawGrp	54.00	-3.52	-6.1
Fairchild	2.21	-.14	-6.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EpixPhm	4.02	+1.05	+35.4
Visicu	11.77	+2.91	+32.8
Escalon	4.34	+1.06	+32.3
CdnSolar	26.88	+5.68	+26.8
Iomai	1.09	-.02	-1.8

Losers

WtrsdCp	2.05	-.95	-31.7
TuesMrn	4.78	-1.75	-26.8
BabyUniv n	5.75	-2.00	-25.8
Starent n	17.75	-5.13	-22.4
SecAdvTch	2.27	-.60	-20.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.13	4.25
3-month disc	2.97	2.88
2-year	3.16	2.94
10-year	4.12	4.00
30-year	4.54	4.48

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4967	.4947	.5131
Canadian Dollar	1.0054	1.0064	1.1578
European Euro	.6940	.6945	.7635
Japanese Yen	113.31	113.02	118.19
Mexican Peso	10.8467	10.8650	10.8177
Taiwanese Dollar	32.51	32.47	32.60

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+65.27	+21.57	+9.08
+0.50	+0.84	+0.63
13232.47	2596.03	1454.98

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	26.07	-.07	-16.4
ClearChan	35.95	+1.20	+1.2
Comcast s	18.08	-.02	-35.9
Comc sp s	17.92	-.07	-35.8
DirecTV	23.41	+.08	-6.1
Disney	33.02	+.03	-1.5
EchoStar	37.01	+.24	-2.7
GpTelevisa	24.23	+.43	-10.3
NewsCpA	20.26	+.23	-5.7
NewsCpB	21.01	+.19	-5.6
Omnicm s	48.09	+.20	-8.0
Thomson	38.53	+.07	-7.0
TW Cable n	25.76	-.09	-33.8
TimeWarn	16.65	+.15	-23.6
ViacomB	43.07	+.77	+5.0

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'FREE RODDY' WHITE SHIRT TO COME NEXT WEEK: Roddy White and four other Falcons were fined by the NFL for violating uniform regulations with tributes to Michael Vick during a game on Dec. 10. After scoring, White displayed a "Free Mike Vick" T-shirt under his jersey.

Sports

In Brief

GAIL BURTON/AP

Pitcher Roger Clemens called drugs "a dangerous and destructive shortcut."

BASEBALL

Pitcher Clemens Says He Never Used Steroids or HGH

Roger Clemens denied allegations by his former trainer that he took performance-enhancing drugs, calling them "a dangerous and destructive shortcut that no athlete should ever take." The accusations against the seven-time Cy Young winner from Brian McNamee were the most striking in last week's Mitchell Report. "I did not take steroids, human growth hormone or any other banned substances at any time in my baseball career or, in fact, my entire life," Clemens said in a statement. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Amid Cheating Scandal, 25 FSU Players Could Miss Bowl

An academic cheating scandal could leave Florida State without as many as 25 players when the Seminoles go against Kentucky in the Music City Bowl. "We have some players not traveling for one reason and some for another," coach Bobby Bowden said. Bowden put the number of players involved in the 25-player range. Many of the players could also be ruled ineligible for some games next season for their connection to the cheating scandal earlier this year. (AP)

COLLEGE HOOPS

Vocal Cords Sideline Vitale

Dick Vitale, the voice of college basketball for almost three decades, had vocal cord surgery Tuesday to treat ulcers on his left vocal cord and is expected to be off the air until at least February. The 68-year-old Vitale said on his Web site that he'll still give his take on college basketball through postings on ESPN.com and Dickvitaleonline.com. (AP)

Taylor Selected as Pro Bowl Starter

Redskins safety led the NFC with 5 picks before he was shot

REDSKINS | Sean Taylor's selection to the Pro Bowl was supposed to be a crowning moment in a season in which he became a truly dominant NFL safety. Instead, it's a tribute to a player who was tragically lost from the game at age 24.

The Redskins' safety was selected as an NFC representative to the 2008 Pro Bowl on Tuesday, three weeks after he was fatally wounded in a shooting at his home in Miami. Taylor was chosen as the conference's top free safety in balloting by coaches, players and fans.

"It is well-deserved," center Casey Rabach said. "If he would have been able to finish the season, he would have been in there. It just shows the respect everybody around the league had for him and what a great player he was."

Taylor is believed to be the second person elected posthumously to an all-star game in a major American professional sports league. Philadelphia Flyers goalie Pelle Lindbergh was voted by fans to start in the 1986 NHL All-Star game after he was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 11, 1985.

Taylor led the NFC with five interceptions at the time of his death, even though he had missed the previous two games because of a knee injury. He was also leading the Pro Bowl voting among fans at the time.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Chris Cooley and Chris Samuels were selected as backups. Plus:

- Dallas had 11 players selected to the NFC roster, four more than any other NFC team.
- Eight Patriots made the team, seven of them as starters.
- The 10-4 Jaguars had no one selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time in franchise history.
- Five NFC teams — the Lions, Falcons, Panthers, Saints and Bucs — had no players selected.
- Redskins FB Mike Sellers was a first alternate. Rock Cartwright and Clinton Portis were second alternates, and London Fletcher and LaRon Landry were third.

In his first three years in the NFL, he would mix big hits with big mistakes, but his bone-jarring hits intimidated receivers so much that he was chosen as a first alternate to the Pro Bowl.

This year, Taylor was allowed to roam the field as a true free safety, a hard-hitting ball hawk whose speed made anything deep virtually off limits to the offense. Before his knee injury, the Redskins had allowed only 21 plays of 20-plus yards over 8 3/4 games.

"You're talking about one of the best safeties in the league," cornerback Fred Smoot said at the time. "Just by his presence in the middle, people don't try the middle. We miss him tremendously."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

MEL EVANS/AP

Giants running back Brandon Jacobs tries to hold onto the ball while being tackled by Khary Campbell during Sunday's game.

Giants Keep Dropping the Ball in N.Y.

New York's offense has sputtered at home but does fine on the road

NFL | In Sunday night's 22-10 loss at home against the Redskins, the Giants frequently looked like the bumbling, stumbling bunch that lost six of their last eight games a year ago and barely made the playoffs.

Yet even though the Giants have lost four of seven games at Giants Stadium this season, they adopt a different posture on the road, where they have won six of seven games.

They'll need another win Sunday at Buffalo to avoid having to clinch a playoff spot against what figures to be an undefeated New England team at Giants Stadium on the season's final weekend.

The prospect of another road game, and specifically one against a team that was eliminated from playoff contention on Sunday, didn't seem to faze anyone.

"There's no panic button," linebacker Antonio Pierce said Monday. "It's not the end of the world. We are 9-5, and there are probably 15 other teams that would love to be 9-5. I don't think we're sitting that bad."

Though the Giants had won three of their last four games before playing the Redskins, Sunday's game again exposed New York's shortcomings on offense, which seem to become magnified when at home. The Giants have scored more than 20 points just once in their last seven games, yet have managed to win three of them — against Miami, Detroit and Chicago, all on the road.

Sunday, the defense couldn't bail them out and the result was an ugly game played in ugly weather in front of a handful of fans by the time the final whistle sounded.

Already at Top Speed

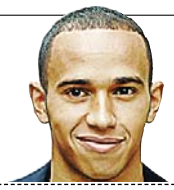
- Criticizing Adrian Peterson, a Pro Bowler in his first year and a top Rookie of the Year contender, is tough. But Minnesota coaches are urging the young superstar to be a bit more patient. | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

"It wasn't that we were outcoached or they outschemed us, we just didn't perform well," quarterback Eli Manning said Monday. "We had chances, but between some throws being off and some drops here and there and some miscommunications in protections, it was enough mistakes in different categories where we just couldn't get in a rhythm." DAVID PORTER (AP)

Sports

HOW'S HE SUPPOSED TO PRACTICE? Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton had his driver's license suspended for a month in France after police caught him speeding. Hamilton was clocked driving 123 mph Sunday night, police spokesman Arnaud Dujardin said Tuesday.



2B Admits to Steroid Use

Orioles star Roberts says he 'took one shot' in '03, then stopped

ORIOLES | Baltimore Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts has acknowledged using steroids, but insists he tried it only once before realizing he had made a "terrible decision."

Roberts was named in former Sen. George Mitchell's report on steroid use in major league baseball. The report came out Thursday, but Roberts did not immediately respond.

In a statement issued Tuesday to The Associated Press, Roberts said he tried steroids four years ago.

"In 2003, when I took one shot of steroids, I immediately realized that this was not what I stood for or anything that I wanted to continue doing. I never used steroids, human growth hormone or any other performance enhancing drugs prior to or since that single incident," he said.

GAIL BURTON/AP

Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts said he used steroids once in 2003.

"I can honestly say before God, myself, my family and all of my fans, that steroids or any performance-enhancing drugs have never had any effect on what I have worked so hard to accomplish in the game of baseball."

Roberts was in the Mitchell report because former teammate Larry Bigbie informed investigators that Roberts told him he used steroids "once or twice" in 2003.

"I am very sorry, and I deeply regret ever making that terrible decision," Roberts said in the statement. "My only hope and prayer is that the Orioles, my family, friends and fans that have supported me so faithfully will forgive me."

Roberts has twice been named to the American League All-Star team, including this season. He has a career batting average of .281. (AP)

Nats to Host 1st '08 Game in U.S.

NATIONALS | The first Western Hemisphere game of the 2008 major league baseball season will be played at the new Nationals ballpark. And, yes, the president has been invited.

The Nationals announced Tuesday they will host the traditional Sunday night opener March 30 against the Braves at Nationals Park, the 41,000-seat stadium nearing completion on the Anacostia River. The major league season begins the week before, when Boston plays Oakland in a two-game series in Tokyo.

The game revives a long-standing tradition of baseball openers in the nation's capital. From 1952 to 1971, the Washington Senators annually opened the American League schedule at home, often with the president in attendance.

Washington's interleague opponents in 2008 will be Baltimore, Texas, the Los Angeles Angels, Seattle and Minnesota. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards host Luol Deng and the Chicago Bulls, who are coming off a game against the Lakers on Tuesday night.

NBA (7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Detroit travels to Boston for a good Eastern Conference matchup. Then, Dallas hosts Phoenix in an equally appealing Western Conference game. Can you say conference finals preview?

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Memphis is at Cincinnati in college hoops action. Georgetown fans take note: Memphis hosts the Hoyas on Saturday.

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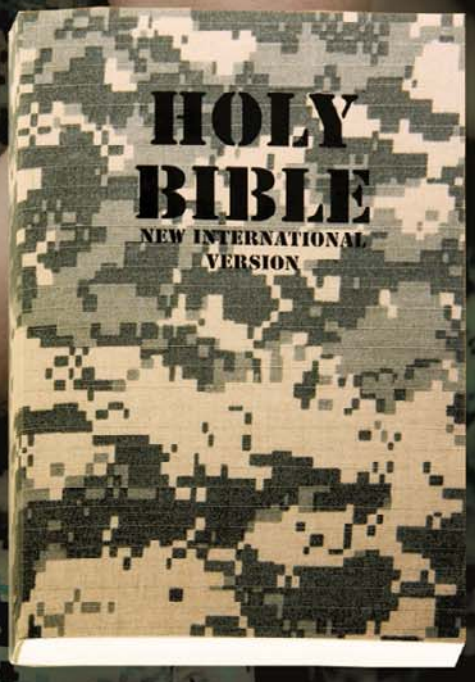

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ASSISTED DRIVING: Ryuta Kawashima, who helped develop Nintendo's "Brain Age" games, is teaming up with Toyota to develop intelligent cars that will help the elderly drive safely. Future developments could involve a temperature control system that helps drivers stay alert.

Cars

A Ruby Red American Classic

2008 Cadillac CTS excels in personality, expression and price

NEW CLASSIC | Here's a new thought worthy of defending: Cadillac makes a better car than BMW or Mercedes or Lexus or Infiniti, and that car is the 2008 CTS.

No other car in the mass market, with so much at stake for its makers, dares as much as this expressive and audacious bit of automotive avant-gardism. In a segment that lives and dies by European benchmarks, the CTS sets fire to the bench and throws it through the shopkeepers' window.

On a point-by-point, feature-per-dollar comparison, the Cadillac excels in some areas — the interior is splendid — and is merely competitive in others.

KAREN TAPIA-ANDERSEN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

The 2008 CTS cuts a dashing figure, but its V6 engine also makes a statement.

But just park the CTS next to the competition. The Mercedes-Benz C350 looks hidebound by its own heritage; the BMW, staid and predictable, a law clerk's car. The CTS hits the street like a ruby fired out of a shotgun.

I've climbed all over the CTS, and everywhere I found things to admire. The tail lamps feature a crazy glowing filament, an optical fiber as thick as your pinkie. The switch gear is artfully integrated into the consoles instead of being plunked into the cockpit in big ugly rectangles. I especially like the personal climate controls that live in the console rail by the dash.

It's also evident that the extra two inches of width relieves the CTS design of its previous cramping.

With the big Michelins in the fender wells, the CTS has oodles of lateral grip. The chassis — with front and rear alloy subframes holding the suspension — is tight. The upshot is that it's hard to un-stick this car.

For now, it's time to celebrate. Cadillac has built a ripping car here — fast, fun and exuberant in style and substance. To the extent that imitation of one product concedes the superiority of another, the CTS surrenders not an inch. It feels like a fundamentally self-defined car. Chalk one up for the home team.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Travel

45.8 **The percentage of Americans** who plan on taking a vacation in the next six months, according to a Conference Board survey. That is down from 46.4 percent a year ago.

The Northern Heights

Alaska resort hopes to attract beginning skiers with new look

DESTINATIONS | As alpine enthusiasts contemplate how they'll be breaking in their equipment this season, the managers at Alaska's only ski resort hope powder-lovers will bypass the classic slopes of Whistler, Deer Valley and Aspen and head to the far north.

The Alyeska Resort, long considered a niche venue for locals and adventure skiers, is undergoing a $25 million expansion to lure larger groups of winter vacationers, families especially, to the peaks of south-central Alaska.

The resort's owner has stoked big changes at the Girdwood institution, from new conveyor-belt lifts for beginners and snowmaking machines, to refurbished guest rooms and healthier menus.

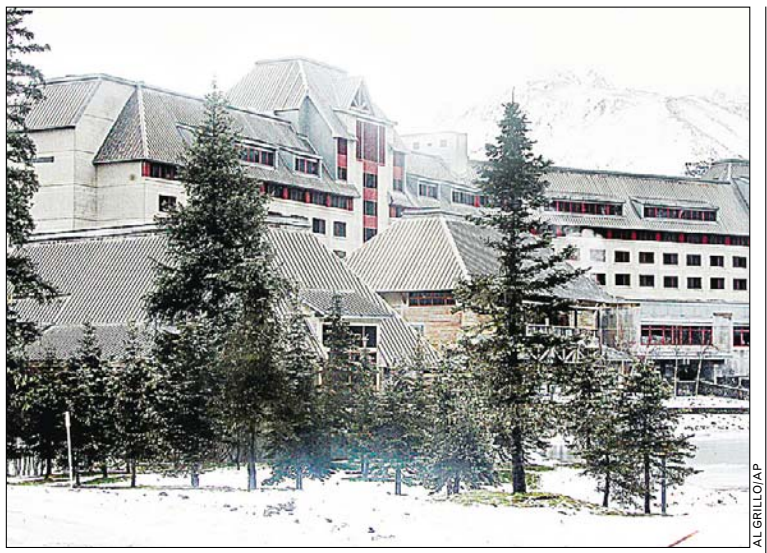
John Byrne III, who bought the resort last year, is also negotiating with the U.S. Forest Service to build a lift that would open hundreds of acres of raw terrain in the Chugach Mountains to highly skilled off-piste skiers and snowboarders.

But the top priority, Byrne said, is making steep and rugged Mount Alyeska less daunting for novices. Intermediate runs, most on the harder side, make up about half of the 1,400 acres of groomed trail.

"Alyeska has lots of great expert terrain, which I love, but what we really need now is more good beginner and intermediate terrain," Byrne said by phone from his home in Alta, Utah. "In the long run, we need to offer the complete package."

AL GRILLO/AP

A skier races down the mountain at Alyeska Resort in Girwood, Alaska, where the majority of the slopes are for veteran skiers.


AL GRILLO/AP

The Alyeska Resort is undergoing a $25 million renovation to lure more vacationers.

This season, the resort is offering new ski-school classes and has carved out some mellower runs to give skiers and snowboarders more options on the mountain. At the low end, group lessons start at $45 for young children. Adults signing up for a six-hour private lesson pay $330.

"Everyone thinks it's a good idea for Alaska skiing. It's an area that hasn't been completely harvested for its potential," said Kelly Davis, research manager at Snowsports.org, a non-profit industry research group based in McLean, Va. "We're curious to see how they're going to get more people up there." JEANNETTE J. LEE (AP)

RealDeals

FROM BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE

A WEEK IN TUSCANY

$1,399 The Tuscany Art and Wine package includes round-trip airfare to Florence on Alitalia and seven nights' accommodations. Upon arrival, you'll check in for a four-night stay at the Grand Hotel Cavour, many of whose 105 rooms are decorated in red and white, the colors of Florence. The hotel is located between the Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, and is a great jumping-off point for wandering the compact historic center. **WHEN:** Jan. 6-13; add $100 for Jan. 14-31; $200 for Jan. 2-5, Feb. 1-29; $300 for March 1-15. **DETAILS:** Most rental cars are included. Based on double occupancy. **CONTACT:** Foreign Independent Tours, 800-248-3487, Fittours.com.

DOGSLEDDING IN CANADA

$1,950 The Dogsledding Adventure in the Yukon package includes six nights' shared accommodations in Whitehorse, Canada. All meals, transfers, a tour of Whitehorse, guided dogsledding with three to six huskies per sled, and provincial taxes are included. **WHEN:** Wednesday and Saturday departures through April 9. **DETAILS:** Winter clothing rentals are $25 per person. **CONTACT:** Fresh Tracks, 800-667-4744, Freshtracks.ca (BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE)

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RETURN OF THE HAIRY FEET: Peter Jackson and New Line Cinema are planning to make J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit," a planned prequel to "The Lord of the Rings." "The Hobbit" recounts the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, the adoptive father of Frodo.

Entertainment

GEMMA LAMANA/AP

PC IS OUT: Tim Meadows, John C. Reilly, Matt Besser and Chris Parnell glorify the art of singing crude songs in "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," opening Friday.

Low Down Dirty Jams

Dewey Cox's success lies in his arsenal of good bad songs

SATIRE | There's the Weird Al way of making funny music: Steal a melody, add zany high-concept lyrics, and rock on.

Producer and co-writer Judd Apatow's biopic parody "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," opening Friday, features the most ambitious set of big-screen comedy tunes to come along since Christopher Guest's 2003 folk revival romp, "A Mighty Wind." The original music of "Walk Hard" spans decades of pop styles, from the innocent '50s ("Take My Hand") to Ghostface Killah (onstage with Jackson Browne, Jewel and Lyle Lovett in a tribute version of "Walk Hard").

"There was a lot of debate about how funny the songs should be," Apatow said. "We wanted the songs to be good and to feel like he had all these hit records. But we wanted them to be also weird and wrong. It was a trick — writing a good bad song."

To get there, director and co-writer Jake Kasdan recruited songwriter friends Dan Bern, Mike Viola and Charlie Wadhams to fold in double entendres, traditional melodies and a healthy dose of political incorrectness.

The first step was landing John C. Reilly to star as Dewey Cox, whose none-too-subtle character name is actually one of the most subtle phallic jokes in the film. Reilly shares Apatow and Kasdan's bent sense of humor, and also has the authentic singing chops to pull off a cross-country concert tour promoting "Walk Hard."

Reilly said he had always carried a guitar with him while shooting movies, and was happy to bring his passion for music into his more lucrative Hollywood career. "It was more like a hobby for a long time," Reilly said. "Now it's become part of my work."

His ad-libbing during a recording of the title song helped set the tone: "Folks used to tell me, 'Slow down, Dewey. Why you gotta walk so hard?' I used to tell them life's a race. And I'm in it to win it, and I'll walk as hard as I please."

"That just started to inform the character of the music, which is this idiot badass," Kasdan said.

Writing from that perspective allowed Bern to stop self-editing when a silly idea came along. He wrote or co-wrote more than 100 Cox songs over, stopping only last week after rejiggering "Walk Hard" to "Block Hard" for a "Monday Night Football" promo.

Bern injected a bit of Woody Guthrie, a bit of Bob Dylan and a lot of naive condescension into Cox protest songs like "Let Me Hold You (Little Man)," honoring little people, and "Dear Mr. President," which begins with the line, "Dear Mr. President, I want you to know I am deeper than you."

RYAN PEARSON (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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BOB PERILLA'S BLUEGRASS

Quality Folk

1 If you've ever paid Madam's Organ a visit on a Wednesday, chances are good you've seen and heard the down-home folksy sounds of Bob Perilla's Big Hillbilly Bluegrass. To avoid the bar's cover charge, you can check the group out tonight on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, where the show will be just as good, but free.

➜ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

JAN WELTERS

THE LEMONHEADS

Citrus for Brains

2 The Lemonheads, once-popular alt-rockers led by Evan Dando, pictured, made a comeback in 2005 with a surprisingly clean record, considering they hadn't played for a decade and the lineup is almost completely different. Perhaps the album's success bodes well for the band's stage show, which you can catch tonight at the Black Cat. Racoon and the New Revivals open.

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., $17; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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Entertainment

RISKY BUSINESS: Tom Cruise's Nazi epic, "Valkyrie," which was supposed to hit theaters circa July 2008, has been pushed back to October 2008. Such delays are often considered a bad sign but this might just be a sign of Cruise trying to woo Oscar.

Reverse Rain Dance

S.T.O.R.M. Reggae Band parts the clouds with music

WEATHER REPORT | It's 12:45 a.m. on a rainy Saturday night in Silver Spring and S.T.O.R.M. Reggae Band is standing around the Hollywood Ballroom's lobby. The group is supposed to perform at some point — first, a set of its own and then as the backing group for veteran reggae singer Tinga Stewart — but there's virtually no audience.

The good-natured band chalks up the situation to the bad weather and then hits the floor — for there is no stage. The group rips through a quick set of songs like the gaping hall is filled to the brim.

S.T.O.R.M. Reggae Band is nothing if not professional, but its high-energy music is also a top-notch blast of butt-busting rhythms and harmonious voices.

The group rips through a set like the gaping hall is filled to the brim.

"To me, it's the best reggae band in the Washington, D.C., area.," says Tony Carr, a longtime DJ with WPFW-FM. "These guys can do everything: roots, dancehall, everything ... and very lively on stage; you will not be bored."

COURTESY OF S.T.O.R.M.

SUNNY DISPOSITION: S.T.O.R.M. stays chipper even when playing to an empty house.

The same can be said of S.T.O.R.M.'s dynamic and diverse new CD, "Eye of the S.T.O.R.M.," which Carr calls "outstanding."

The band is built around the tight vocal interplay of Lenny Kurlou and Denton Bedward, aka Monsoon. Their mix of singing and rapping is telepathic.

"That's the magic between us," says Monsoon. "If I'm onstage doing something, he can harmonize me right there."

"Most of the songs are [composed] onstage, freestyling," Kurlou says.

The music, too, often begins as improvisation, usually dictated by other core members: keyboardist Daryl "D-Trane" Burke and bassist Ambrose "Amby" Connor.

But what comes out of all this on-the-fly interplay is a sound so tight and fiery that it can ignite an empty ballroom on a cold winter's night. CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

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For more of our interview with S.T.O.R.M., including the band's track-by-track rundown of its new CD, visit us on the Web at Readexpress.com. | **ONLINE NOW**

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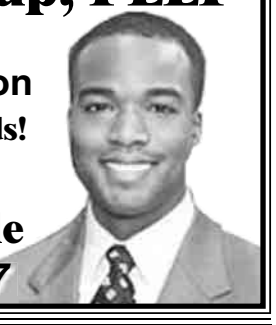

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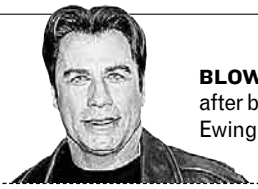

BLOW TO THE EGO: John Travolta has been replaced in the "Dallas" movie remake after being attached to it for more than two years ."He was let go. He had the role of J.R. Ewing taken from him and given to Ben Stiller," an inside source told PageSix.

Entertainment

Mmm ... Spider-Pig on DVD

'The Simpsons Movie' is green on disc, in more ways than one

DVD | After countless commercials for the film and now for the DVD, it is assured that Spider-Pig has been officially entered into the lexicon. And it's refreshing that after all these years, "The Simpsons," in all its many forms, is still funny, memorable and relevant.

"The Simpsons Movie," out on DVD this week, starts with an inspired "Itchy and Scratchy" cartoon and unfolds into an environmentally conscience plot that stems from Homer dumping a silo full of Spider-Pig's excrement into a lake. A trip to Alaska, a dome over Springfield and a maniacal EPA director later, everything returns to normal like any other episode, but the overall results make for a truly caring and thoughtful film.

MATT GROENING

Homer and Bart have numerous typical close calls in "The Simpsons Movie."

"The Simpsons Movie" DVD isn't all that packed with special features, but it does include seven deleted scenes, a few other random clips and two commentaries.

The first commentary track features "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening, voice actors Yeardley Smith and Dan Castellaneta and writers and producers James L. Brooks, Al Jean, Mike Scully and David Silverman. It tracks many of the numerous script changes (the film saw more than 100 script revisions), the genesis and development of the characters, plots and jokes in the film and provides a genuine insider's look at the creation of a beloved show.

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AWAKE (R) 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
ENCHANTED (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
HITMAN (R) 7:10, 9:45
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) [D] [CC] 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:50, 4:30
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 6:15, 9:35
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:20, 3:50

AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 12:35, 3:25, 6:30, 9:20

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15
I AM LEGEND (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40
THE PERFECT HOLIDAY (PG) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30
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ENCHANTED (PG) 4:30, 7:00
HITMAN (R) 8:00
THE MIST (R) 4:35, 7:40
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 4:40, 7:30
BEOWULF (PG13) 5:30, 8:15

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
301-948-0906

DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ✓ 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) [D] [CC] ✓ 1:15, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30
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HITMAN (R) 7:45, 10:15
THE MIST (R) 4:05, 10:25
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
FRED CLAUS (PG) 5:05, 10:35
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:45, 7:05
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 8:05, 10:35

AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25
I AM LEGEND (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:50
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AWAKE (R) 2:20, 4:35, 6:50, 9:20
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HITMAN (R) 10:30 PM
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 6:45, 9:35
BEOWULF (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:05
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) [CC] 1:00, 4:30, 8:05

AMC SELECT
JUNO (PG13) ✓ 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ✓ 2:00, 2:50, 4:30, 5:20, 6:55, 7:40, 9:15, 10:00
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) [D] [CC] ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 6:55, 9:15
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FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 6:10, 9:35
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:25, 3:50

AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:30
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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 5:30, 8:55
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:00, 3:15

AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ✓ 3:10, 5:20, 7:40
THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:15
ENCHANTED (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:00, 4:40
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 2:40, 5:10, 7:30
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:30, 7:00
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

I AM LEGEND (PG13) 4:15, 7:00

AMC SELECT
THE WALKER (R) 4:30, 7:45
MARGOT AT THE WEDDING (R) 5:15, 7:30
BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 4:45, 8:00
MY KID COULD PAINT THAT (PG13) 5:00, 7:15

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

I AM LEGEND (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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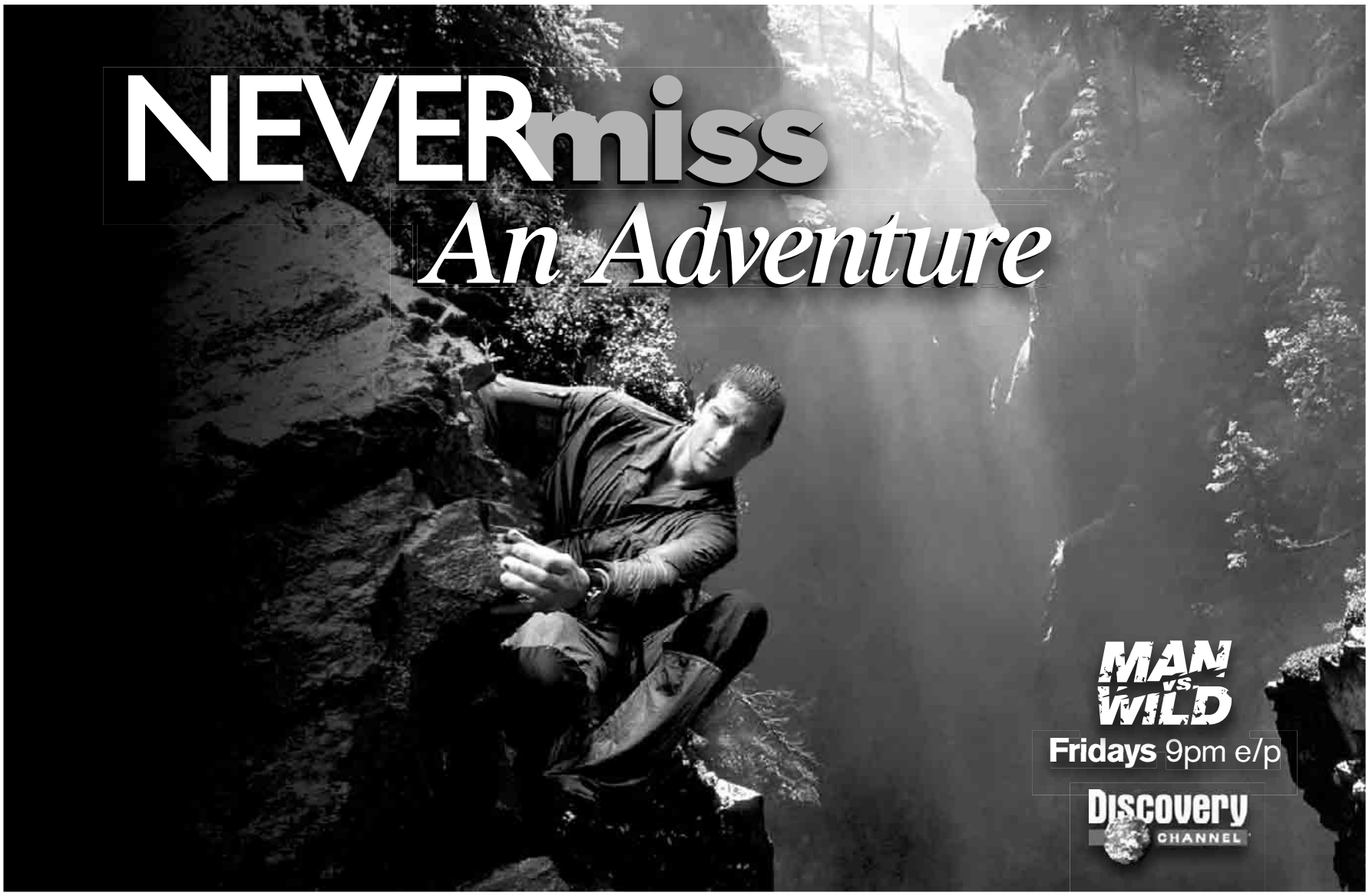

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YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! A new prime-time series, "Rachael's Vacation," will premiere Jan. 12, the Food Network announced Monday. Viewers will follow Rachael Ray as she discovers foods around the world. Get ready for EVOO from faraway lands.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SPICE THINGS UP
Kelly wants to change her stodgy image on **BACK TO YOU** (8 p.m., Fox).

TOOL TIME!
Tim Allen stars in the 1994 comedy **THE SANTA CLAUS** (8 p.m., Disney).

XMAS, MMM-KAY?
SOUTH PARK (Comedy Central) reels off four consecutive Christmas-themed episodes: "Red Sleigh Down" (9 p.m.), "Mr. Hanky's Christmas Classics" (9:30 p.m.), "Christmas in Canada?" (10 p.m.) and "Woodland Critter Christmas" (10:30 p.m.).

RECYCLED SWEATER VEST
The gang Dumpster-dives into the trash heap of fashion history on a repeat episode of **PROJECT RUNWAY** (10 p.m., Bravo).

COURTESY COMEDY CENTRAL

PESKY CREATURES: Stan looks nervous in "Woodland Critter Christmas."

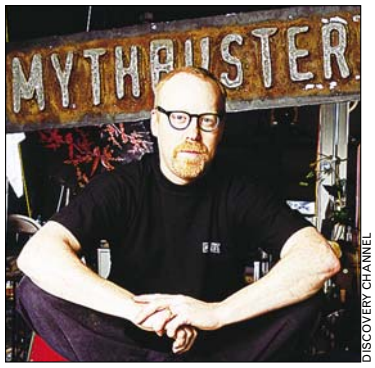
ROCKUMENTARY
Dennis Hopper narrates **THE SEVEN AGES OF ROCK: PUNK ROCK** (9 p.m., VH1 Classic). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Tune Into Xmas

TV is red and green tonight as the big day draws ever closer

DECK! THE HALLS | Washington luminaries join network stars for "A Holiday Celebration at Ford's Theatre" (10 p.m., ABC). The president and first lady will be in the audience, as well as congressional leaders from both parties.

If politicians and celebrities aren't your idea of Christmas company, how about spending it with television's biggest nerds? The "Mythbusters Holiday Special" (9 p.m., Discovery") sets about explaining and exploding myths and legends about turkeys and Christmas trees. And along the way, hosts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman build a Rube Goldberg contraption powered by soda and Mentos.



DISCOVERY CHANNEL

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? Adam Savage, pictured, and co. are "Mythbusters."

On a more serious holiday note, "Explorer: Last Christians of Bethlehem" (8 p.m., National Geographic) looks at the political and religious tensions in the little town of Bethlehem. The Church of the Nativity is thought by many to be the very birthplace of Christ. But after a 2002 armed standoff between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli soldiers, the number of visitors to the site has dropped dramatically. And since then, the city's remaining Christians have felt threatened by the rise of Islamic militancy on one side and the tightened Israeli security on the other. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.19.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N) CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Clash of the Choirs One choir leaves; choirs perform. (S Live) CC				Journeyman "Perfidia" (N) CC		News (N) CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N) CC	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	Back to You	'Til Death CC	Kitchen Nightmares "Mixing Bowl"		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ CC
	WJLA 7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Duel (N) CC		Private Practice CC		Holiday Celebration		News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Frosty-Snowmn	Frosty Returns	Criminal Minds "3rd Life" (N) CC		CSI: NY "Happily Never After" (N)		News (N) CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	2007 World Music Awards Excellence in music. CC				Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Wired Science (N) CC		Christmas With the Mormon		Christmas at St. Olaf: Where Peace		American Experience CC (DVS)	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Attractions	The Aquarium	Christmas With the Mormon		Christmas at St. Olaf: Where Peace		Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WHUT 32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Holiday Homecoming-Angela		Tonic Sol-Fa Christmas CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends CC	Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants		Gossip Girl "Roman Holiday" (N)		Family Guy CC	Friends CC	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "MIA/NYC - NonStop"		CSI: Miami "Slaughterhouse" CC		CSI: Miami "Kill Zone" CC		The Sopranos "Whitecaps" CC			(:38) Intervention
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom Crozet Islands. CC		Wild Kingdom "Danger Under the Ice"		Animal Cops Detroit CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N) CC			Music Special	★★ "For Da Love of Money" (2002) Pierre, Reynaldo Rey. Premiere. CC				American Gangster "Felix Mitchell"		Hell Date CC	Hell Date CC
	Bravo	(5:30) Top Chef	Top Chef "Finale" CC		Top Chef Holiday Special			Project Runway CC		Project Runway CC		Project Runway CC	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Armed and Dangerous"		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	South Park CC	South Park CC	South Park CC	South Park CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Most Shocking CC		World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Driving Under
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	Rise of the Video Game "Level Five"		MythBusters Holiday myths. CC		Fearless Planet The Grand Canyon.		Rise of the Video Game "Level Five"	
	DISCH	Code Blue "One Simple Mistake"		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Plastic Surgery: New York Style		Inside Brookhaven Obesity Clinic		Trauma: Life in the ER CC	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold.				That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	The Soup	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	25 Most Memorable Swimsuit Moments Bathing suits.				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	(5:30) ★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black.				★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.				★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.			
	HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Get It Sold (N)	Deserving Design	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Bought & Sold	What's-House?
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town CC		The Year Without a Santa Claus		Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer-Island of Misfit To			Seuss on Loose	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Snipers: World's Deadliest Snipers		Modern Marvels: Dangerous Cargo		Modern Marvels: Walt Disney World CC				MonsterQuest "Gigantic Killer Fish"		Christmas Unwrapped	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	"Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005) Christine Baranski, Carly Pope. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila		The Real World	Newport Harb.	The Real World	Newport Harb.
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101 CC	iCarly Dance clips.	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Full House CC	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Citizen Joe" CC		Ghost Hunters CC		Ghost Hunters "Old Jail" CC		Ghost Hunters "Whispers and Voices"		Ghost Hunters "Toxic House" CC		★★ "Lost Voyage" (2001) CC	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		UFC Unleashed		MANswers CC	MANswers CC	MANswers CC	MANswers CC
	TBS	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	The Smallest People in the World		Surgical Tools Left Behind 2		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Incredibly Small: Kenadie's Story		Surgical Tools Left Behind 2	
	TNT	Law & Order "Undercovered"		Law & Order "Shrunk" CC (DVS)		★★★ "Cast Away" (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. CC						★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) CC	
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	Celebrity Eye Candy "Best of '07"		Fabulous Life Of...		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Critics Choice: Best Movies	
SPAN.	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones		Madre Luna		Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noti-Telemndo	Titulares y Mas
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Yo Amo a Juan Querendón (N)		Amar sin Límites (N)		Pasión		Don Francisco Presenta		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics. From TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. CC					NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live)				
	ESPN2	Formula D Drifting	Football Live	College Basketball Memphis at Cincinnati. (Live) CC				Strongest Man	Strongest Man	World's Strongest Man Competition		SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.					SportsNite CC	SportsNite (Live) CC		Washington Post Live	
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Out in the Open		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Holman		Conviction: Murder Amongst Friends	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, War) Clint Eastwood. 'R' CC				★★ "Firefox" (1982, Action) Clint Eastwood. A Vietnam-era pilot tries to steal a Russian high-tech jet. 'PG'						★★ "Red Dawn" (1984) 'PG-13' CC	
	TCM	★★★ "One, Two, Three" (1961, Comedy) James Cagney, Pamela Tiffin. 'NR'				★★★ "Nothing Sacred" (1937) Carole Lombard. 'NR'			The Men Who Made the Movies		★★★★ "A Star Is Born" (1937) Janet Gaynor. 'NR' CC		
	HBO	American Dreamz	★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'			Charlie Wilson's	Extras Success is not what it seems. CC			Inside the NFL (N) CC		★ "Deck the Halls" (2006) 'PG' CC	
	MAX	(5:15) ★★★ "Slither" (2006) 'R' CC		★★ "Scarface" (1983) Al Pacino. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade. 'R' CC						★★ "Eragon" (2006, Fantasy) Ed Speleers. 'PG' CC			Sin City Diaries
	SHOW	(5:00) Premium 'R'	(:45) ★ "Love Stinks" (1999, Comedy) French Stewart, Bill Bellamy. iTV. 'R'				(:25) ★★ "Failure to Launch" (2006) 'PG-13' CC			Dexter "The British Invasion" (iTV)		★★ "The Boys of 2nd Street Park"	
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Food

Chef fights against fast-food industry by teaching kids to cook

Lessons in French Flavor

When he discovered American-style fast food had invaded his home, French chef and father of two Philippe Gauvreau decided to fight back.

His battle plan: Get kids hooked on the subtle flavors of traditional French cuisine before they develop a taste for assembly-line burgers and greasy pizzas.

So, once per month, Gauvreau opens his two-Michelin-star La Rotonde restaurant in Lyon to a clientele not typical of restaurants of this caliber — would-be foodies, aged 5 to 13.

The monthly cooking lessons are attended by about 30 children decked out in paper chef's toques. In-depth lessons last three hours, followed by a "degustation," or tasting.

On the menu during the November lesson: a stuffed white sausage called "boudin blanc" and a delicate layer pastry of banana and chocolate.

This is the kind of cuisine Gauvreau says is under siege by the likes of McDonald's, Pizza Hut and KFC, which have mushroomed throughout France, helping to change the way the French eat. He also blames school cafeterias for turning youngsters off from traditional dishes.

Gauvreau is one of a growing number of chefs, doctors, parents and politicians sounding the alarm about France's fast-food invasion and its disastrous effects on health. France is McDonald's leading market in Europe, and Turkish take-out joints serving shawarma sandwiches and fries are everywhere.

Changing lifestyles, too, have contributed to France's expanding girth, with families cooking and eating together less, and kids increasingly forsaking the playground for the video game console.

Child obesity in France now affects 1.5 million children, a study by France's state health insurance authority found. And 1 in 6 children is overwight, a rate that is twice that of 10 years ago, according to a French pediatric association.

In response, the government has banned vending machines from public schools and required TV commercials for sweet and fatty foods to carry a disclaimer warning.

But Gauvreau thinks more should be done. He insists it's time to return to the terroir, or soil — the source of the wholesome, farm-fresh ingredients that are the foundation of French cuisine.

"We get kids here who don't know that a carrot comes from the ground, and who've only seen meat in plastic foam packaging," he said.

Gauvreau started the classes — which cost $59 — five years ago, after his eldest child developed a taste for pizzas and hamburgers at the school cafeteria. Most of his students are children of regulars at La Rotonde, which is in a suburb of Lyon.

"We're giving the kids the tools they need to make decisions about what to put onto their bodies," Gauvreau said. JENNY BARCHFIELD (AP)

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Knitting Gets Extreme

Culture

Sock Wars game inspires international craftiness, cunning

Meryl Williams's friends had been asking her for days, "Are you dead yet?" On Oct. 30, she suddenly was.

The socks did it.

Williams, 52, was done in by a small package bearing an unfamiliar return address. When she saw it in her mailbox, she knew she had met her maker. Inside was a pair of black and orange socks, just her size.

In recent weeks, about 150 people around the world have received similar notices of their demise. They were all participants in Sock Wars, billed by its organizer as the "bloodiest extreme knitting tournament."

Sock Wars requires each participant to knit a pair of socks for another player and ship them off to the target. Players are eliminated from the contest — or "killed" — when, like Williams, they receive the socks. Once they receive their socks, participants have to ship to their assassins the pair they were still working on for their own targets. The assassins then must finish those socks and send them along, hoping that they don't first receive their own killer socks from another assassin. The last assassin standing — or sitting — wins.

RENEE COMET FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Sock Wars participants knit fancy footwear with which they "assassinate" targets.

Participants say Sock Wars brings out bloodthirsty instincts in the knitting community and sets hearts pounding each time these women (and a few men) check the mail. When the fateful package comes, "you stand there as if you really were dead," says Williams, a chef in Cape May, N.J.

> "The whole 'knitting is the new yoga' cliche had been irritating a good few of us. I wanted a wicked edge to it."
>
> **JULIE GARDNER**, SOCK WARS CREATOR

Sock Wars is a twist on the game Assassin, whose other variations require participants to shoot assigned target players with water pistols or Nerf weapons, or tag them with spoons.

Julie Gardner, a freelance TV and film production manager in Northern Ireland, got the idea for Sock Wars last year after hearing a radio report on StreetWars, an urban Assassin-style tournament involving water guns.

Gardner, 31, immediately was drawn to the idea of pitting knitters against one another like assassins locked in mortal combat. "The whole 'knitting is the new yoga' cliche had been irritating a good few of us," says Gardner. "I wanted a wicked edge to it."

More than 800 people participated in the first edition of Sock Wars, held last year. Participants in this year's contest, which began Oct. 13, hail from around the world, including the U.S., the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium and Finland.

At the beginning of Sock Wars, Gardner provides each player with the name, address and shoe size of a target. She also designs an original pattern everyone has to follow. Gardner called the one last year the "International Sock of Doom." This year's pattern is "Scar" and has a ridge down the side meant to resemble one. Participants are free to add their own flourishes.

They've also devoted a lot of energy to the delivery of the socks, packaging them with flowers and cheeky notes.

Linda Cameron of Hamilton, N.D., says her assassin enclosed a sympathy card and a package of corn chowder mix. KEVIN J. DELANEY (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

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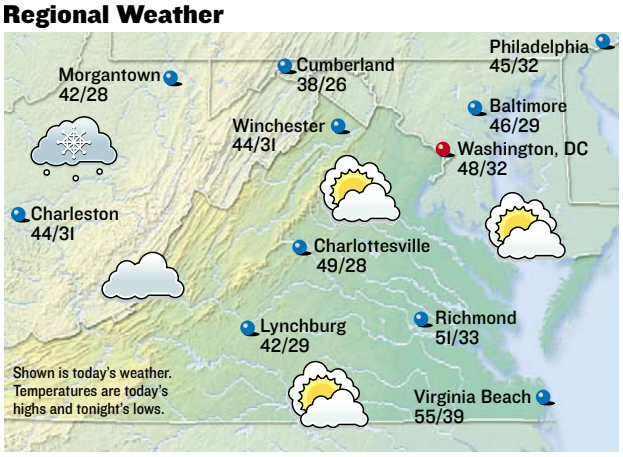

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	40°
Low	27°
Normal high	46°
Normal low	31°
Average humidity	52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.85"
Normal month to date	1.75"
Year to date	31.50"
Last year to date	46.36"
Normal year to date	38.05"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny. High 48. Wind southwest 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 32. Wind north-northwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:48 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:05 p.m.
Moonset today	2:09 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
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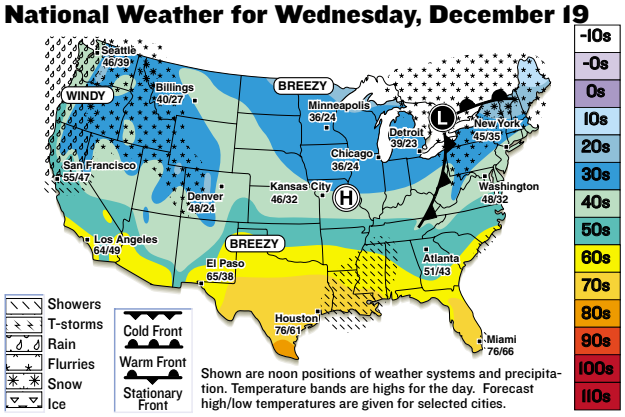
National Weather for Wednesday, December 19



National Cities

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Atlanta	51/43/pc	55/40/t
Boston	36/32/c	36/22/sf
Chicago	36/24/pc	40/30/pc
Dallas	68/49/pc	67/43/s
Denver	48/24/c	48/22/c
Honolulu	81/69/s	81/69/s
Los Angeles	64/49/pc	62/45/r
Miami	76/66/pc	79/66/pc
New York City	45/35/pc	43/30/c
Orlando	73/53/pc	75/57/pc
Seattle	46/39/r	42/33/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	37/34/pc	41/34/s
Athens	48/43/c	50/43/pc
Berlin	36/25/s	37/27/s
Buenos Aires	86/66/s	95/73/s
Calgary	33/13/sf	27/10/c
Dublin	45/36/pc	45/34/pc
Geneva	39/28/s	46/28/s
Moscow	30/25/c	30/23/c
Rome	50/37/pc	54/37/s
Sydney	73/68/c	78/72/c
Tokyo	52/41/pc	51/39/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Goodbye 'Gloss

Move over, sticky stuff — lipstick's making a comeback

Ladies are loving lipstick again.

The shiny luster of lip gloss tempted them away for a few years, but a creamier texture, long-lasting color and more refined fashions are behind a renewed interest in lipstick. It doesn't hurt that celebrities have taken to red lips on the red carpet and that beauty insiders are touting the old standby as the next big thing.

"I think everyone got tired of that really sticky stuff," says Allure editor in chief Linda Wells. "Some people realized it was a little too teenybopper, your hair gets caught and lip gloss disappears after a few fleeting moments."

Lipstick, however, will last through lunch.

But lipstick could be imposing, says Wells. "In the old days, you could see it coming a mile away," she says. "Now lipstick is sheer. You hear words like 'almost lipstick,' 'mattene' and 'satin.'"

Manufacturers revamped their lipstick recipes to mimic what consumers liked best about lip gloss — including moisture, a fresh scent and even a more palatable taste — while amplifying lipstick's pros.

"We were absolutely motivated that lip gloss usage surpassed lipstick sales worldwide," says Anne Carullo, senior vice president of corporate product innovations at Estee Lauder, which reintroduced its signature lipstick this year.

The lipstick category started this year stronger than the gloss category in terms of sales, reversing what had been the trend for the past few years, according to NPD Group Inc., a market research firm. However, summertime gloss sales outpaced lipstick. There's room, though, for lipstick to gain ground in the fourth quarter, especially with full-color lips dominating holiday magazine pages and the spring runways.

Reformulation wasn't an easy feat, Carullo says, because the attributes that women sought most — lightweight-yet-intense color projection, shine with coverage and moisture with staying power — are, more or less, in conflict with each other.

So many lipstick choices means more germs on the unhygienic testers at Sephora. Geez — use the provided swabs.

> "There is something very glamorous about putting on lipstick. ... It's an old-fashioned sexy gesture."
>
> **LINDA WELLS**, ALLURE

Carullo went back to the drawing board, abandoning the beeswax that had been at the heart of lipstick for years.

It had worked well because it was a hard wax that melted easily, but it had a yellow tint and there was a variance in the depth of color between lots. A more vibrant lipstick required a clear wax.

Thus, a new synthetic wax became the new emollient, and a new blend of esters and silicones were added for shine. And, says Carullo, perhaps the biggest change in the DNA of lipstick is that all the materials have been morphed into a single complex ingredient instead of adding each one individually, greatly improving consistency.

This all wouldn't have been possible just a few years ago; it's a direct result of improved technology, Carullo says.

But while the lipstick's feel might be new, it was important to maintain the emotional ties many women feel toward it. Carullo herself recalls watching her own mother put the punctuation on her outfit each day with a twist of her lipstick tube.

Wells agrees: "There is something very glamorous about putting on lipstick. It's that snapping of the cap, swiveling it up and sensual movement of putting on," she says. "It's an old-fashioned sexy gesture." SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Men's

Wear It, You Do

Thirty years after the arrival of "Star Wars," designer Marc Ecko has created a collection of **STAR WARS-INSPIRED URBAN STREETWEAR**. Instead of the billowy tunics worn in the early movies, Ecko's line is hip menswear from his Cut & Sew label. Picture a would-be bounty hunter in a Boba "Fett for Real" sweatshirt, or a "StoneTroopers" T-shirt that honors the big, bad commando in white beadwork and stones. The line will be sold in select Macy's stores, Macys.com, Marc Ecko Cut & Sew stores and Against All Odds. (AP)

Skin Care

Sleep Smell

Aromatherapy hasn't ever rung true for us, for whom the sense of smell has but two purposes: to detect the presence of food and to detect whether milk has gone bad. But we're willing to buy that, for some, a hearty spray of Bath & Body Works' lightly sweet (and slightly cloying) vanilla-chamomile **SLEEP PILLOW MIST** ($10) could seem soothing, especially if one's bedroom has an unpleasant odor, perhaps because one owns a territorial cat. Its companion, **SLEEP BODY LOTION** ($13), is similarly light; we enjoyed the bracing lavender chamomile. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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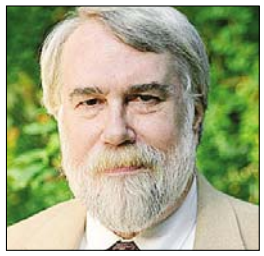
MUSIC

Contemporary Carol



Composer Christopher Rouse usually writes intense works, but as a kid in Baltimore, he loved Christmas carols. So, in 1989, he wrote "Karolju," an exuberant half-hour of holiday music. The work is now recorded, and Express contributor Andrew Lindemann Malone spoke to Rouse about it. | COMING UP

FIT

Electra Strips for Fitness

Without good genes and surgical enhancement, most women don't look like Carmen Electra. But they can rump-shake just like her with enough practice from her "Aerobic Striptease" DVD series. Express' Vicky Hallett talked to Electra about the naughty-fitness boom. | ONLINE NOW

FREE RIDE

Smokers Given Refuge

As D.C.'s temperatures drop, many restaurants are rolling out heat lamps and radiant heaters to keep outdoor seating areas open—and smokers happy. Express contributor Marc Zawel has details on which establishments cater to the tobacco-inclined. | ONLINE NOW

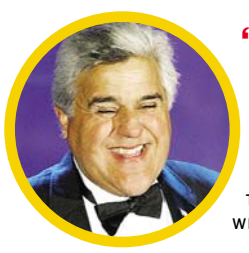
comment board

"With or without their writing staffs, I don't watch these shows anyway. [Neither] Jay nor Conan [has] to worry about losing his audience."

COMMENTER RON M, WHO ADDED, "THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS PROVEN IT'LL WATCH ANYTHING."

"Both shows will do well. Considering how awful so much of Hollywood's output is these days, maybe these shows will be better off without [the writers]."

COMMENTER LENI, WHO ADDED, "I AM GLAD THAT ALL THE [NON-WRITING] STAFF WILL GET TO GO BACK TO WORK."



"Probably not. But should we really care? They are comedians, for heaven's sake. They aren't saving the world. I think we can go a few weeks without them."

COMMENTER APRILC, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK CONAN O'BRIEN AND JAY LENO WILL BOMB WITHOUT THEIR STAFF WRITERS?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU THINK CONAN O'BRIEN AND JAY LENO WILL BOMB WITHOUT THEIR STAFF WRITERS?

68% NO

32% YES

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT **READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP**

Blog LOG

"This stuff scares the stuffing out of me. ... I have a feeling this could all get really ugly, really, really fast."

A COMMENTER AT THE RIGHT-LEANING **REDSTATE.COM** IS FEARFUL OF MORE TURMOIL NOW THAT THE TURKISH ARMY HAS ENTERED NORTHERN IRAQ.

SCOTT GRIES/GETTY IMAGES

"[Rachael] Ray is here to stay [and] will bury us all in a ... grave costing less than $40, with a ceremony finished in less than 30 minutes."

GOTHAMIST.COM NOTES THAT THE FOOD AND LIFESTYLE PERSONALITY, AND DAYTIME TALK SHOW HOST ISN'T GOING AWAY, ADDING, "IT'S RACHAEL RAY'S WORLD; WE JUST EAT IN IT."

"HOW COULD DENISE the lunch lady, I mean Denise the janitor, do this? Why would she lie to me? Why do people lie? The next thing you know, she's going to tell me [her] mullet is fake and everything's just a sham."

DLISTED.COM IS SHOCKED THAT DENISE MARTIN, A CONTESTANT ON "SURVIVOR: CHINA," WAS NOT DEMOTED TO BEING A JANITOR, AS MARTIN HAD PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED.

"THE TACO BELL/KFC has reopened on 14th Street just south of U Street. ... The basic layout is the same, but the look is rather futuristic. It feels like at least 2009 in there now."

PRINCEOFPETWORTH.COM CHECKS OUT THE NEWLY UPDATED FAST-FOOD COMPLEX.

"FOLKS, TODAY I HAVE (literally) stumbled upon a new low. I mean, I've left the house once or twice wearing mismatched socks (seriously, no more than twice in my life) but never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would ever mismatch my shoes!"

CONSERVATIVEFUTURIST.COM DISCOVERED HE WAS WEARING TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF BLACK SHOES WHILE RIDING THE METRO.

Discussions

Campaign Fashion

Washington Post fashion editor **ROBIN GIVHAN** was online Tuesday to discuss her critiques of the fashion sense displayed by the front-runners in the race for the White House.

One thing that always bothers me about candidates is that whenever they're doing something "casual" (meeting the voters, at home, playing sports or exercising), their clothes are always perfect and seemingly brand-new.

Your point is interesting, and it's something I mentioned about John Edwards when he was photographed by Annie Leibovitz in his "work clothes," which looked like they had just been unwrapped and the tags snipped off. I'm not sure it's scruffiness, exactly, that would help them look more real. But they do need to look like the clothes are part of their everyday lives.

I have less of a problem with the clothing choices that male politicians make than with their haircuts. Why can't politicians break the trend of the long comb-over or comb-back and embrace their eminent hair loss with a close-shorn cut (Obama excepted)? I mean, if it's good enough for George Clooney ...

Are you suggesting that Clooney is losing his hair? Say it isn't so! The best aesthetic decision Giuliani made was getting rid of his comb-over. But politicians are only human. Hair loss has to be traumatic.

Do you regret the article about Hillary Clinton's brief, unrepeated display of minimal cleavage? One outfit does not a trend make.

I don't regret the column in the least. I regret that people don't know the difference between a conversation about a neckline and one about human anatomy.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Post staff writers Ivan Carter and Michael Lee discuss what to expect from the Washington Wizards this season at 2 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DO

EXPECT TO SEE D.C. POSTMARKS AGAIN. The District of Columbia postmark is making a big comeback in time for its use on holiday mail. The D.C. postmark all but disappeared after the 2001 anthrax attacks in Washington and the deaths of two District post office employees.

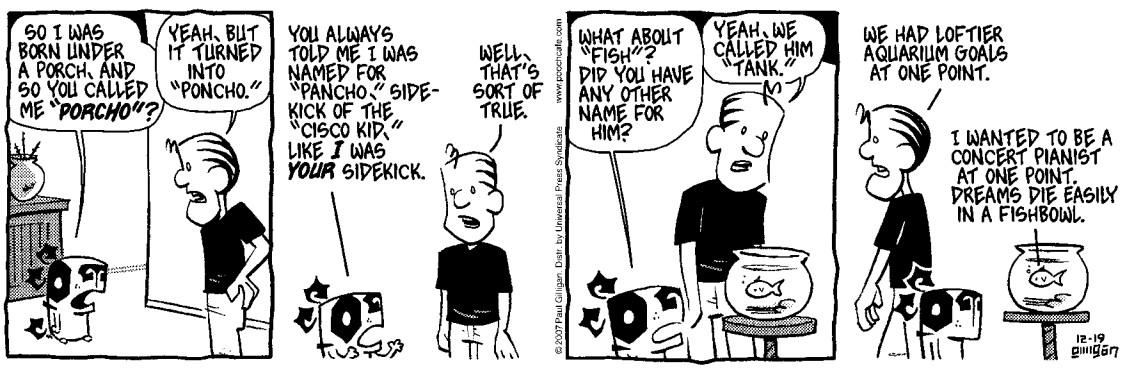
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

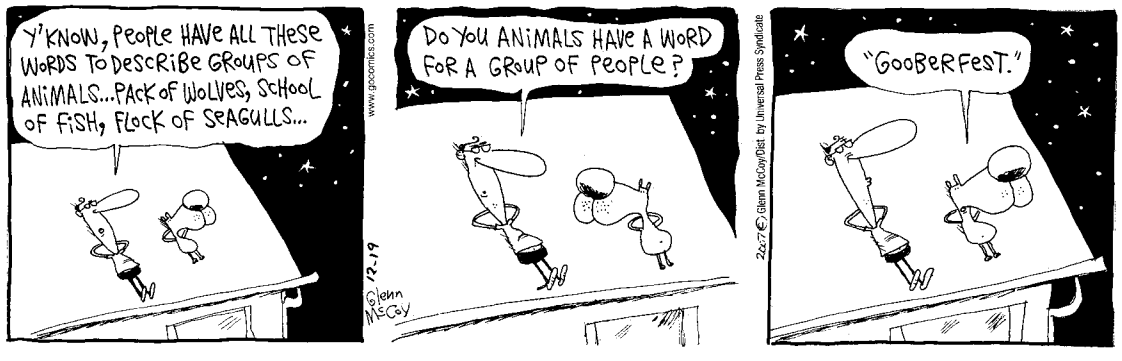
Sure, talk to your plants – but wait until they've had a chance to calm down.

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your attention span may not be what it has been, so you must pay close attention to every piece of information that comes your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Cooperation depends upon arriving at the right pace and rhythm. You cannot succeed if you are out of sync with those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't sell yourself short; what you do has value, and others will surely provide you with the feedback you desire if you give them time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's not likely to make much difference when or how you make a start. The fact that you do so at all is what counts at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take time to prepare fully. You can't afford to fall short of your own expectations at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can use logic to get what you want, but instead of being so intellectual, try to get your heart into the act as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be resistant to any new ideas that come your way, but that which travels a long distance to get to you is worth considering.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take time out to discover just what it is that has been upsetting you of late. The answer to this question can surely prove liberating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a good day to put plans in motion — but have you made any? If not, you must take the time to prepare with great care; tend to all details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Those around you may not understand just why you are pursuing your present course, but your actions are a better explanation than any words.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have to spend some time away from the one person who puts you at ease at this time. Take those lessons along with you — in your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may need a good talking to — from yourself. Sit down and be honest with yourself about an issue you have tried to avoid.

Letters

iPods Block Other Noises

While I will admit that loud iPods are annoying to other riders ("Turn Down iPods on Metro," Dec. 18), so are loud cellphone conversations, obnoxious kids and riders with bad hygiene. Metro isn't a carpool or your personal automobile; you don't get to choose who you ride with. It's called public transportation, and that does not mean that you will always be comfortable. That said, I'll play my iPod as loud as I want just to block out those other annoyances, and if you don't like it, you don't have to sit near me.

— SHERRI COLE
Upper Marlboro, Md.

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Today in History

1777 Gen. George Washington leads his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

1843 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, is first published in England.

1972 Apollo 17 splashes down, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

1974 Nelson A. Rockefeller is sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

1997 "Titanic," the highest-grossing film ever made, opens in U.S. theaters.

1998 President Clinton is impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice. (He was later acquitted by the Senate).

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"Titanic" debuted on this day in 1997.

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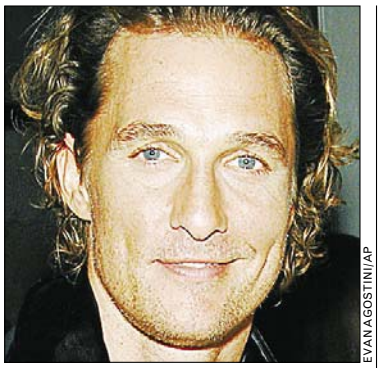

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They can fix his nose while they're at it.

HEALING

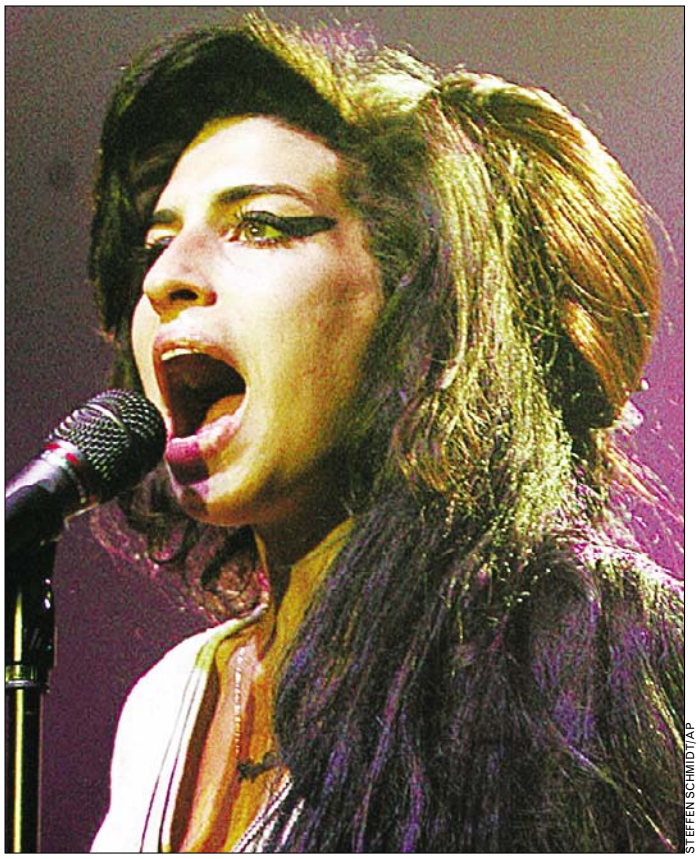
Magic of CGI Will Make Mangled Actor Look Whole

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY cut his face while training Ultimate Fighting Championship-style for his role in "The Grackle." Photos posted on X17online.com Monday show McConaughey wearing a bandage over his left eye. (AP)

REALITY

The Cue-Card Writer Just Made an Error, That's All

School lunch lady **DENISE MARTIN** fibbed when she claimed on "Survivor: China" that she'd been demoted to janitor. Douglas, Mass., schools superintendent Nancy Lane said Martin had been promoted, at her own request, to custodian, a job that came with more benefits and better pay. (AP)



STEFFEN SCHMIDT/AP

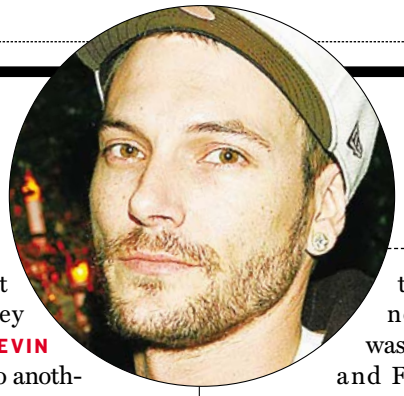
SNORE

Dullest Arrest Ever

AMY WINEHOUSE was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of attempting to interfere with a court case involving her husband. Police questioned the singer and released her without filing charges. "She attended a police station voluntarily and at a pre-agreed time," said her publicist. "She was arrested, but that is common practice for someone being interviewed by police." (AP)

DENIED

'Santa, All I Want for Christmas Is Closure'



K-Fed has a rare, tragic genetic trait known as "diamond lobe."

The custody fight between Britney Spears and **KEVIN FEDERLINE** will go another round next year. A Los Angeles court commissioner made no changes to the couple's custody arrangements after a 90-minute closed hearing Tuesday. He postponed a scheduled January hearing to February. Neither Federline nor Spears, 26, was in court. Spears and Federline have been wrangling for months over custody of Sean Preston and Jayden James. Federline, 29, has temporary custody because Spears, who has limited visitation, has defied court orders. (AP)

NO DETAILS

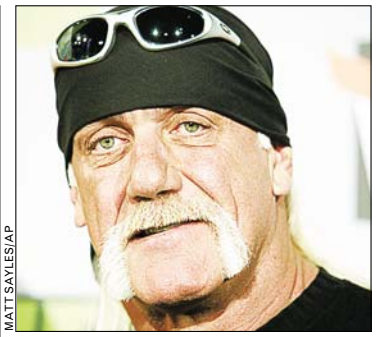
Publicist Isn't Being Paid Enough for This Trivial Crap

ALI LARTER is engaged to her boyfriend, actor Hayes MacArthur. "It happened over the weekend," Larter's publicist, Dominique Appel, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Appel didn't provide any details. Larter, 31, plays supermom Niki Sanders on NBC's "Heroes." Her movie credits include "Varsity Blues," "Legally Blonde" and two "Final Destination" films. (AP)

PARADES

Candy Tastes Better When Middle-Aged Men Throw It

HULK HOGAN will reign as celebrity king when the annual Bacchus parade rolls through New Orleans on Feb. 3, two days before Mardi Gras. James Gandolfini was Bacchus' monarch last year. Hogan and Laila Ali will co-host NBC's "American Gladiators" revival, which debuts Jan. 6. (AP)



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Grizzled beards mean Jolly Ranchers!

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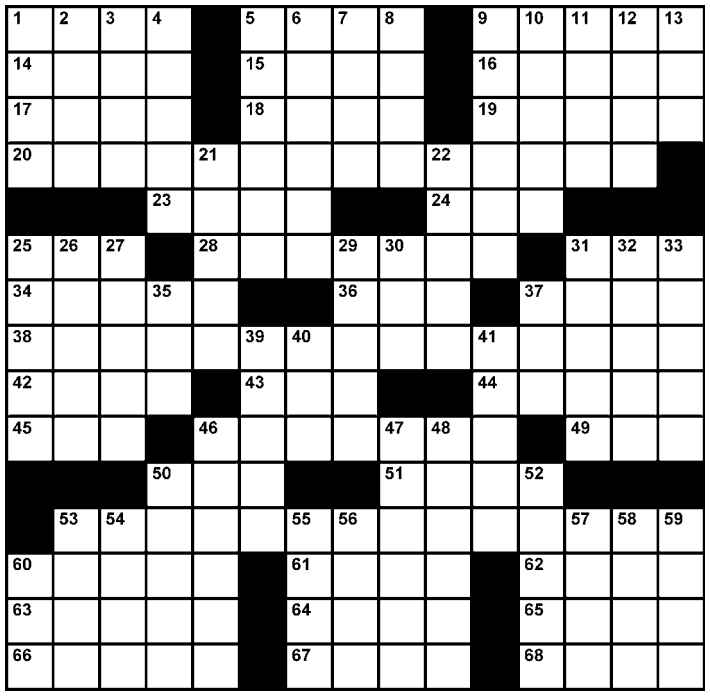

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24 Charged particle
25 "'Tain't" rebuttal
28 Agreement to curtail nukes, e.g.
31 Chic getaway
34 Top story, often
36 Hot toddy ingredient, sometimes
37 Mocked, in a way
38 "Remember your manners!"
42 Angled annexes
43 Straight away
44 Similar
45 Bread for a ham sandwich, perhaps
46 Disconnects, in a way
49 Trip instigator
50 Large African antelope
51 Memorandum
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60 Arapaho abode
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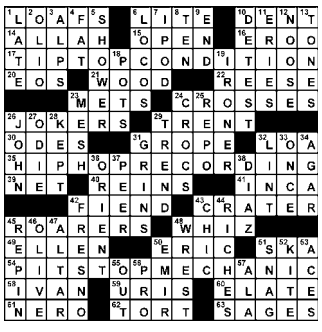

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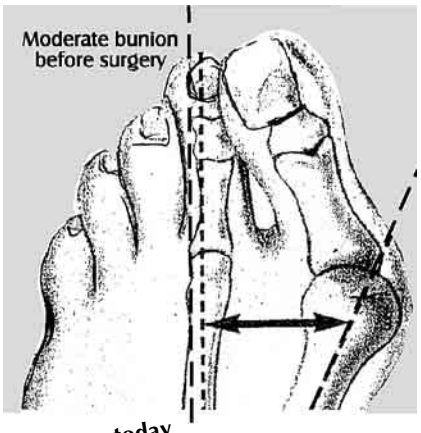

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